

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for maintaining an inflatable cushion in a folded condition, comprising:

an inflatable chamber;  
a tab having a head and a narrow neck, the tab being attached to the chamber; and  
a supporting member having an aperture sized to receive and interlock with the tab, the aperture having a width less than a width of the head of the tab, wherein the supporting member applies an inward compressive force to the chamber to retain the chamber in a folded condition when the tab interlocks with the aperture, wherein the tab has an opening that permits attachment of the chamber to a vehicle.

Claim 2 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the supporting member is integrally formed with the chamber.

Claim 3 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the supporting member surrounds the chamber.

Claim 4 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the supporting member is an elongated strip.

Claim 5 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a second tab attached to the chamber and a second supporting member having an aperture that is sized to receive and interlock with the second tab, wherein the second supporting member applies an inward

compressive force to the chamber to retain the chamber in a folded condition when the second tab interlocks with the aperture of the second supporting member.

Claim 6 (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a tear seam in the supporting member to permit deployment of the chamber.

Claim 7 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the supporting member is made from a flexible material.

Claim 8 (original): The system of claim 7, wherein the supporting member is made from fabric.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the tab, chamber, and supporting member are integrally formed.

Claim 11 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the tab is made from a substantially rigid material.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A system for maintaining an inflatable curtain in a folded condition, comprising:

- an inflatable chamber;
- a tab having a head and a narrow neck, the tab being attached to the chamber; and
- a supporting member attached to the chamber, the supporting member having an aperture sized to receive and interlock with the tab, the aperture having a width less than a width of the head of the tab, wherein the supporting member applies an inward compressive force to the

chamber to retain the chamber in a folded condition when the tab interlocks with the aperture,  
wherein the tab has an opening that permits attachment of the chamber to a vehicle.

Claim 13 (original): The system of claim 12, further comprising a tear seam in the supporting member to permit deployment of the chamber.

Claim 14 (original): The system of claim 12, further comprising a second tab attached to the chamber and a second supporting member having an aperture that is sized to receive and interlock with the second tab, wherein the second supporting member applies an inward compressive force to the chamber to retain the chamber in a folded condition when the second tab interlocks with the aperture of the second supporting member.

Claim 15 (original): The system of claim 12, wherein the supporting member is made from a flexible material.

Claim 16 (original): The system of claim 15, wherein the supporting member is made from fabric.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (original): The system of claim 12, wherein the tab, chamber, and supporting member are integrally formed.

Claim 19 (original): The system of claim 12, wherein the supporting member is integrally formed with the chamber.

Claim 20 (original): The system of claim 12, wherein the tab is made from a substantially rigid material.

Claim 21 (original): A system for maintaining an inflatable curtain in a folded condition, comprising:

- an inflatable curtain;
- a tab having a head and a narrow neck, the tab being attached to the curtain; and
- a supporting member having a first and a second aperture and an intermediary region disposed between the first and second apertures, each aperture being sized to receive and interlock with the tab and having a width less than a width of the head of the tab, the intermediary region being sized to surround and retain the curtain in a folded condition when the first and second apertures interlock with the tab.

Claim 22 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the supporting member is an elongated strip.

Claim 23 (original): The system of claim 21, further comprising a tear seam in the supporting member to permit deployment of the curtain.

Claim 24 (original): The system of claim 21, further comprising a second tab attached to the curtain and a second supporting member having a first and a second aperture and an intermediary region disposed between the first and second apertures of the second supporting member, wherein the intermediary region of the second supporting member is sized to surround and retain the curtain in a folded condition when the first and second apertures of the second supporting member interlock with the second tab.

Claim 25 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the supporting member is made from a flexible material.

Claim 26 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the tab has an opening that permits attachment of the curtain to a vehicle.

Claim 27 (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the tab is made from a substantially rigid material.

Claim 28 (canceled)